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1. claims: 1-40

device and method comprising holders for test tubes,
agitator devices and detector of level, wherein the holders
are in a continuous flexible member

2. claims: 41-76

method and device wherein the blood sample is placed in a
generic tube and kept within this tube for performing the
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